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1. (Unclassified - GLC) [] accompanied William Colby, Chief, FE Division, to a briefing of Mr. David Martin, Staff Assistant to Senator Thomas J. Dodd, on the situation in Viet Nam. Senator Dodd had planned to be present but at the last minute was unable to attend. Mr. Colby gave Martin an excellent briefing on the historical background of the Viet Name situation and answered several questions which Martin posed. Martin did not ask any probing questions as far as Agency operations were concerned. He expressed his appreciation to Colby for taking the time to brief him adding that Colby had given him an insight into several other areas which he had not covered in the speech he is preparing for the Senator on this subject.

2. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Met with Charles Johnson, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, before and after the hearings on pay legislation, H. R. 5715. With respect to publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of positions placed in levels IV, V, and VI by the President, we were advised that the Committee viewed a proposed exception "as determined by the President in the interests of national security" to be highly desirable having in mind CIA problems, NSA problems, and possibly future problems from other agencies. The Committee considers this purely a technical amendment and will not seek consultation or approval from the Executive Branch including Bureau of the Budget and Civil Service Commission. With respect to section 208 which will impair existing CIA authorities by limiting Agency action to set compensation not higher than the rate of GS-15 except where the President will approve positions up to levels now set at \$33,000, the Committee indicated they would be agreeable to an exception so as not to impair CIA authorities if the Bureau of the Budget and the Civil Service Commission would concur. I said I would look into the matter and advise.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) With respect to section 208 of the bill as discussed in the previous item, Bob Amery of BOB has advised that they would object to an exception for CIA feeling that this might endanger the bill by providing opportunities for sniping at the Agency and, furthermore, indicated his view that with Presidential authority we could pay up to \$33,000 as the bill now stands which should be adequate. In the meantime, Colonel White is checking the viewpoint of Mr. Macy in Civil Service Commission.

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